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Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 23 August 2005.
2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.
3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 1,4,6-12,15,17-23,26 and 28-35 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

6) Claim(s) 1,4,6-12,15,17-23,26 and 28-35 is/are rejected.

7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10) The drawing(s) filed on 02 March 2004 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.

Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) All b) Some * c) None of:
1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date .

4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____ .

5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)

6) Other: ____ .

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

1. Claims 1, 4, 6 – 12, 15, 17 – 23, 26 and 28 – 35 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Bennett et al. (U.S. Patent Application Publication 2003/0001338 A1).

Regarding Claims 1, 4, 12, 15 and 35, Bennett discloses a slot machine including a processor which may execute instructions (para. 0005; where a processor may be control means), a first display coupled to the processor and operable to display a non-linear outcome including a set of reel positions that are disposed along a line that is not straight or a payline that is not linear, each payline including at least one symbol (para. 0046; where many types and shapes of paylines used in reel games including linear and non-linear paylines are well known in the art) a second display coupled to the processor and operable to display a representation of the nonlinear outcome as a linear outcome such that the set of reel positions is each displayed disposed along a straight line without crossing any other displayed line of reel positions, and a wherein the set of symbols of each the linear outcome includes at least one symbol from the set of reel position of the non-linear outcome (fig. 7; fig. 8; fig. 9, elem. 52; where an outcome achievable on any generic payline is shown on a secondary display in a linear fashion).

Regarding Claims 23 and 26, Bennett discloses a supplemental display for a slot machine having a display screen operable to display a non-linear outcome that includes an outcome displayed along a non-linear payline (fig. 7; fig. 8; fig. 9, elem. 52; where an outcome achievable on any generic payline is shown on a secondary display in a linear fashion) including an interface for communicating with a slot machine (para. 0029) and a display screen coupled to the interface, wherein when a display of the slot machine displays a non-linear outcome including a set of reel positions disposed along a non-linear payline (para. 0046; where many types and shapes of paylines used in reel games including linear and non-linear paylines are well known in the art), a display screen of the supplemental display is operable to display a representation of the non-linear outcome as a linear outcome such that the set of reel positions is displayed disposed along a straight line without crossing any other displayed line of reel positions (fig. 7; fig. 8; fig. 9, elem. 52; where an outcome achievable on any generic payline is shown on a secondary display in a linear fashion).

Regarding Claims 6 – 11, 17 – 22 and 28 – 34, Bennett discloses a slot machine wherein the first display displays a plurality of outcomes one of which is the non-linear outcome (para. 0046; where a reel game with non-linear result paylines is played as is well known in the art) and the second display further displays an indication of which outcomes are winning outcomes (para. 0041; where winning combinations are displayed), which outcomes are non-winning outcomes (para. 0045; where a near-miss is shown as a non-winning outcome), displays an indication of outcomes upon which a wager was placed (para. 0028), displays an indication or a payout amount per each

outcome that would have been won had a wager been placed upon each outcome (fig. 9, elem. 52; where a paytable showing possible prizes for a number of outcomes is shown), only displays winning outcomes, displays winning outcomes separately from non-winning outcomes (para. 0041; where winning outcomes are shown during a winning sequence).

Response to Arguments

2. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1, 4, 6 – 12, 15, 17 – 23, 26 and 28 – 35 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

U.S. Patent 5,286,023: Gaming system with outcome display.

U.S. Patent 5,997,401: Reel Game with Symbol Save.

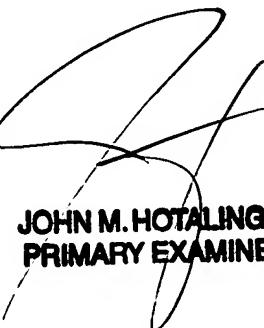
U.S. Patent 6,039,648: Tournament Gaming system with different rules sets.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Aashish Karkhanis whose telephone number is (571) 272-2774. The examiner can normally be reached on 0800-1630 M-F.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Robert Olszewski can be reached on (571) 272-6788. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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